



The January thaw (actually the Dec 31st thaw) gave John Sturman a chance to read the Sunday paper at Sandy Beach. (Derr)

Cohasset High Wins 2 Out Of 3 In Whirlwind Schedule

By Steve MacQuarrie

When the National Basketball Association decided to add another professional team, they might consider this year's Cohasset High squad. No, the Skippers aren't quite that good, but they certainly can compete with the pros in a whirlwind schedule. Despite a sadistic schedule which had them playing 3 games in 44 hours last week, the Skippers were talented and persistent enough to win two of them — over Chatham, 63-55, and over Blackstone-Millville, 77-50. In fact, they came within a few minutes of a three game sweep before bowing to highly regarded Nauset, 72-65.

The Chatham win on Thursday night and the Nauset loss on Friday night came in the Cape Cod Invitational Tournament. The opening game was largely decided in the second quarter when senior Brian Keating and junior Mark Goff outscored Chatham 17-10 to send the Skippers into the locker room with a 35-18 half-time lead. Keating finished up as the game's high scorer with 28 points, while Goff had 12.

In the tournament finale, host Nauset took an early lead and held it until late in the third period when Goff and co-captain Matt Salerno led a Skipper surge that lifted Cohasset into a 51-49 lead at the end of three quarters. But when 6'3" Keating and 6'5" Paul Farren were dismissed for incurring five fouls, the game was lost as well. "We just couldn't compete with both our big men out," said Coach John LeVangie. Nevertheless, LeVangie termed the game "probably our best of the Year. In fact, it was one of the

finest high school games I've ever seen — few turnovers, high shooting percentage, just a well-played basketball game."

LeVangie's discouragement at losing should be tempered by the fact that Nauset was ranked in the top 10 among Eastern Massachusetts small schools in pre-season polls. Goff and Salerno were Cohasset's high scorers in defeat, with 18 and 17 points, respectively.

After spending Thursday night on the Cape, the Skippers returned to Cohasset and dragged themselves into Sullivan gym for the Saturday game with Blackstone-Millville. They had one good quarter of basketball left and they spent it immediately. Co-captain Paul Farren led by example, scoring Cohasset's first 10 points and igniting a five minute scoring streak in which the Skippers outscored the Chargers, 20-0. At the end of the quarter, Cohasset's lead was 26-6. LeVangie was able to rest his starters to open the second period and for much of the game.

Farren used his height to

good advantage over the smaller Blackstone-Millville players, finishing with 25 points and 20 rebounds in just 20 minutes of playing time. Blackstone-Millville got as close as 12 points once, but an 11-0 Cohasset streak at the end of the third quarter secured the game for the Skippers.

Despite the score, Cohasset played sloppily against their weakest opponent thus far. But that's hardly surprising in the third game in 44 hours. After the game, LeVangie echoed that feeling and added, "I could use a rest, too."

The Cohasset coach will get his wish as his team is idle until Friday night when the Skippers match their 5-2 record against Hull.

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Cohasset Hockey Team Beats Cassidy

Cohasset's hockey team balanced its record at 1-1 last week by defeating Coyle Cassidy, 4-3.

Over the first two periods, the Skippers outshot Coyle 28-7 only to trail 2-0 after one period.

But in the second period, Cohasset rallied with four goals while blanking the opposition.

Larry Evans got the first Skipper goal assisted by Tim

Smith. Joe Durkin got the tying goal assisted by Dom Campedelli and Andy Pottenger.

It was Evans again with the go-ahead marker on a feed from Durkin and Tim Smith got the icer assisted by Evans and Mike Nedrow.

Time O'Connell turned in some key saves staving off Coyle until giving up a goal with only eight seconds left.

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